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TO AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, ETRD, HA

SUBJECT: REPORTED RESIGNATION ATTEMPT OF SECRETARY OF  
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FOR AMBASSADOR

1. EMMANUEL LIPSCOMB (COMMERCE DEPT TEXTILE SPECIALIST) HAS INFORMED STATE ON HIS RETURN FROM HAITI THAT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY FOURCAND TOLD HIM AT DINNER ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, THAT HE HAD SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION AT 7 PM THAT EVENING TO PRESIDENT DUVALIER. ACCORDING TO FOURCAND, DUVALIER HAD NOT RPT NOT ACCEPTED IT, AND HAD URGED HIM TO CONTINUE IN GOVERNMENT. REASON FOURCAND GAVE TO LIPSCOMB FOR SUBMISSION OF RESIGNATION WAS RUMORS FLOATING IN GOH THAT AMBASSADOR ISHAM WAS "UNHAPPY" OVER HIS OUTSPOKENNESS REGARDING TEXTILE AGREEMENT.

2. LIPSCOMB ASSURED FOURCAND THAT HE HAD HAD LUNCH WITH AMBASSADOR THAT DAY, AND THAT STORY WAS ABSOLUTELY UNTRUE. LIPSCOMB POINTED OUT THAT AMBASSADOR HAD STATED ON SEVERAL  
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OCCASIONS HOW PLEASED HE WAS THAT SOMEONE OF FOURCAND'S

ABILITIES WAS RUNNING MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, AND THAT HE HAD WELCOMED FOURCAND'S COMMENTS ON AGREEMENT.

3. DEPT SEES THE ALLEGED RUMOR AS PRODUCT OF THE HAITIAN RUMOR MILL, POSSIBLY ONE THAT COULD BE STARTED BY FOURCAND'S ENEMIES OR PARTIES OPPOSED TO RECENT TEXTILE AGREEMENT. AT SAME TIME, GIVEN CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN AMBASSADOR/EMBASSY AND FOURCAND IT IS CURIOUS THAT THE SECRETARY WOULD APPEAR TO GIVE IT SOME CREDENCE IN CONVERSATION WITH USG OFFICIAL. IN VIEW OF FOURCAND'S PARTICIPATION IN RECENT NEGOTIATIONS ON TEXTILE AGREEMENT WHICH STILL IS NOT FORMALIZED, DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR VIEWS ON THE FOREGOING. INGERSOLL

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